

Applicant: Vesa Ahvenniemi et al.
Application No.: 10/524,092
Response to Office action dated Jun. 27, 2007
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Remarks

Claims 18–33 remain pending in the application. In the Office action dated Jun. 27, 2007, claims 16–33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, claims 16–18 and 22–25 were rejected as obvious over Madrzak et al. (US 5,915,648), and claims 19 and 26 were rejected as obvious over Madrzak et al. (US 5,915,648) in view of Aula et al. (US 5,135,614).

Claims 20 and 21 were indicated as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 27–33 were indicated as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 18–33 have been amended to remove reference to the “boundary layer” which the examiner found to render the claims indefinite.

Claims 20 and 21 have been rewritten in independent form.

Claim 18 has been amended to claim “a source of lower static pressure outside the reeling drum” wherein the drum interior is connected to the source of lower static pressure “by a tube connected to a hole situated in an axle of the reeling drum”. This amendment is based on claim 25 and distinguishes over Madrzak where the source of lower static pressure is located within the drum i.e., the impeller 21. The air of Madrzak may exit the drum as shown in FIG. 4 of Madrzak, but not through a hole situated in the axis of the reeling drum, and not in communication with the source of lower static pressure through a tube connected to the hole situated in the axis of the reeling drum.

Claim 25 has been amended to conform with amended claim 18, and to correct punctuation.

Claims 19 and 22–26, depend from claim 18 and add further limitations which, in combination with the amendments of claim 18, further distinguish over the art of record.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

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Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance.
Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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